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JOINT FUNDING WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED

Two workshops on funding water and wastewater projects are scheduled in June. The workshops will feature representatives of several agencies that provide grant and loan funding. Many projects need funding from multiple sources, so the focus of the workshop is not only the specific requirements of each agency but also how to coordinate jointly funded projects.

The programs represented include: Community Development Block Grants, State Revolving Fund, USDA Rural Development, Watershed Improvement Review Board grants, and Iowa Finance Authority Wastewater Assistance grants. The Department of Natural Resources will also review water and wastewater permitting processes.

Please see the attached postcard for details. For more information, contact Patti Cale-Finnegan, 515-725-0498, patti.cale-finnegan@dnr.state.ia.us.

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DNR LAUNCHES DATABASE OFFERING STREAM USE ASSESSMENT REPORTS

As the DNR assesses Iowa streams in an effort to bring Iowa's water quality standards towards compliance with the federal Clean Water Act, it is posting reports in a new online database.

The database, located on the DNR Web site at www.iowadnr.gov/water/uaa.html, offers maps, proposed use designations and other information on selected streams and stream segments throughout the state. Streams are added to the database as fieldwork is completed and information becomes available.

"Use designations are one part of our state's water quality standards. They categorize water bodies by what's capable of happening in the stream - recreation, a home for aquatic life, or both," said Adam Schnieders, a DNR environmental specialist working on the reports.

The database houses reports, called Use Assessment and Use Attainability Analyses (UA/UAA), that are part of the DNR's step-by-step process to gather site-specific field data on stream features and uses.

Under new water quality rules, the DNR presumes that all perennial streams and rivers, or those that flow year-round, should receive the highest designations for recreational and aquatic life uses.

“Assuming that all our streams should be protected for swimming and fishing places a high value on our streams. It also ensures the safety of Iowans that use our streams, and the aquatic life that live in our streams,” said Rich Leopold, director of the DNR.

“Assessing these streams is in the best interest of our citizens, our natural resources and our state's infrastructure.”

After completing field assessments, the DNR reviews available information to determine if the “presumed” recreational and aquatic life uses are appropriate for individual streams. It then prepares the UA/UAA report and places it in the database, where it is available for public viewing. Reports will be added to the database throughout 2007.

Information is currently available for about 40 streams, including:

- * Wapsinonoc Creek (Muscatine County)
- * Yankee Run (Clinton, Cedar counties)
- * Sugar Creek (Poweshiek, Jasper counties)
- * Linn Creek (Marshall County)
- * Mill Creek (Johnson County)
- * Brush Creek (Henry, Jefferson counties)
- * Beaver Creek (Polk, Boone counties)
- * Middle Fork Grand River (Ringgold County)
- * The Winnebago River
- * The Skunk River

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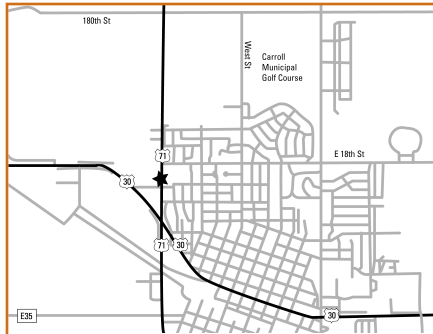
Planning and Collaboration, Then Construction Financing

A Workshop for Mayors, County Board Chairs, Project Administrators and Engineers

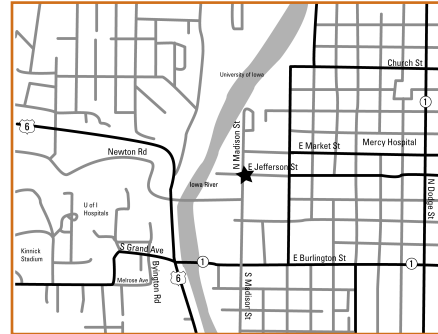
Please join us for a few hours to discuss ways to finance your upcoming water & wastewater infrastructure projects. Hear representatives from the Iowa Department of Economic Development (Community Development Block Grant Program), the Department of Natural Resources, Iowa Finance Authority, the United States Department of Agriculture – Rural Development and the Iowa Watershed Improvement Review Board discuss:

- Planning & Design Loan information
- Standard contents for a Facility Plan and Preliminary Engineering Report
- Individual funding program requirements
- Putting together a competitive project application

The events will be held at two locations:



Carroll
Wednesday June 13, 2007
10:00 – 3:00
Carrollton Inn
Highway 71N & 18th St.
Carroll, IA 51401



Iowa City
Monday June 18, 2007
10:00 – 3:00
Iowa Memorial Union, U of I
N. Madison Street (3rd Floor)
Iowa City, IA 52242
Intersection of Madison & Jefferson
Parking ramp to the East of the
bldg. right across the street

Registration not required.

If you have questions about the events, please contact Barb Harvey with the Community Development Block Grant Program at 515-242-4779 or barb.harvey@iowalifechanging.com

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